

# 2017 HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO™

## QUILT CONTEST RULES

MUST BE SUBMITTED with the quilt:

- Original entry form, plus two copies of the entry form
- Three color photos (4x6) of the quilt
- \$30 entry fee
- **DUE: January 13, 2017**
- **Quilts will not be accepted after this date.**

### DISPLAY

Winning entries will be displayed in Reliant Center March 7 – March 26, 2017. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo reserves the right to exhibit quilts as space and criteria permit. Only the name indicated on the entry form as the “quilt owner” will be displayed with the quilt.

### JUDGING

Quilts will be judged in the following five areas:

1. Overall Appearance - Condition of the quilt, neatness, pleasing feel, appearance, uniqueness, and relationship of borders to quilt
2. Workmanship - Accuracy of piecing or appliqué, quality of stitching, bindings and corners
3. Suitability / Color - Compatibility of materials to function and to each other, and design and color in relationship to intended use
4. Originality - Deviations of familiar patterns as well as total design
5. Design - Scale, placement, unity, distinctiveness, originality and relationship of quilting design

### AWARDS

Ribbons will be awarded as follows: Best of Show, Best of Division, blue, red, white or green. There also will be ribbons awarded as “Judges’ Choice” in recognition of special merit as designated by the judges of the quilt contest. A final ribbon will be awarded to the quilt voted as the favorite by the quilt subcommittee members.

### ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility will be determined by Area Go Texan or Houston Metro Go Texan Committee officials. Each quilt entry must be constructed within the geographical boundaries of the Go Texan Committee it represents within the past two years. Only one quilt entry per county or subcommittee will be allowed.

**Contestants may represent only one of the following Go Texan committees:**

**Area Go Texan or Houston Metro Go Texan.**

**Area Go Texan Committee** – One quilt entry from each of the following counties:

Anderson, Angelina, Aransas, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Bell, Bosque, Brazos, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cherokee, Colorado, Comanche, Coryell, DeWitt, Falls, Fayette, Freestone, Goliad, Gonzales, Gregg, Grimes, Hamilton, Hardin, Harrison, Henderson, Hill, Houston, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Karnes, Lampasas, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Limestone, Live Oak, Madison, Matagorda, McLennan, Milam, Mills, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Panola, Polk, Refugio, Robertson, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Shelby, Smith, Trinity, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Washington, Wharton and Williamson counties.

**Houston Metro Go Texan Committee** – One quilt entry from the following subcommittees:

Aldine/Spring/Klein, Alief/Southwest, Alvin/Pearland, Baytown/Highlands, Brazoria/Southwest, Channelview/Sheldon, Chambers County, Conroe/Willis/The Woodlands, Crosby/Huffman, Cypress-Fairbanks, Fort Bend/Stafford, Galveston Mainland, Humble/Kingwood, Jacinto City/Galena Park, Katy, Lamar/Needville, Liberty County, NASA/Clear Creek/Friendswood, New Caney/Splendor, Pasadena/Deer Park/LaPorte, Spring Branch/Memorial, Tomball/Magnolia/Montgomery and Waller County.

# CONTEST FORMAT

Quilt entries will be judged in a private session. The judges' comments sheets and award ribbon(s) will be mailed back with the quilt to the quilt owner.

## RULES

1. Only colorfast fabrics that have been pre-shrunk are to be used in the quilts entered in the contest. Any fabric used should be no more than 50 percent synthetic fiber, including backing, except for crazy quilts. A quilt must consist of three layers: a backing, a batting and a top. *Note rule 9 for machine quilted.*
2. Double knits may not be used. No pre-printed quilt cloth (cheater cloth) may be used. Quilter's ink WILL be acceptable.
3. Quilt may be made either by an individual or by a group of quilters.
4. **Manufactured quilts will not be accepted.**
5. Quilts may not be entered in this contest more than one time.
6. Maximum size permitted: 108" x 108". Smaller quilts and wall hangings will be accepted (see rule 10 for wall hanging division size requirements). When measuring quilts, a metal tape measure should be used.
7. Quilts must be **clean and in good condition**. Soiled, stained or have an unpleasant odor quilts will be rejected.
8. Each quilt entry must have a 4 in. finished double casing sewn in across the full width of the back of the top edge for hanging on a rod in the display. This is called the sleeve. This sleeve needs to be stitched on the top and bottom. See directions on the following page.
9. A label must be sewn on the back of each quilt. The label must be embroidered, typed, or written with a fabric pen on muslin. DO NOT use ballpoint pen. Label must include the name of the quilt, quilt owner's name and the county name for Area Go Texan contestants or area name for Houston Metro contestants.
10. Quilts may be appliquéd, pieced or any combination of quilting techniques. Quilting and piecing of the quilt may be done by machine or hand. Machine quilted and each block must be 2/3 quilted (but no quilting through appliqué design).
11. There are 10 divisions in the quilt contest: Five under MACHINE QUILTING - appliquéd, piecwork, pictorial (theme quilt), wall hanging (minimum size is 18" x 18"; maximum size is 60" x 60") and mixed media which includes any technique not covered in other specific categories and five under HAND QUILTING – appliquéd, piece work, pictorial (theme quilt), wall hanging (minimum size is 18" x 18"; maximum size is 60" x 60") and mixed media which includes any technique not covered in other specific categories.
12. Quilts must be enclosed in a sturdy, large, clear, appropriately sized blanket bag with a working zipper and preferably without wire support (wire is hard to pack and/or could break and damage the quilt) DO NOT use a pillow case or cloth bag. To protect the quilt, the bag must be in good condition. **Quilts not submitted for entry in such a bag will be subject to a \$5 fee for the provision of this bag.**

The original entry form along with two copies of the entry form, a total of three color photos (4x6) and the \$30 entry fee must accompany the quilt. Photo must be labeled with owner's name, address, ZIP code plus four-digit code, telephone number and the name of the county or area the quilt represents. Quilt may be in progress and not finished in photo. **Quilts turned in without photograph will be charged a \$5 fee for each picture to be made the day of check-in.**

## RETURN POLICY

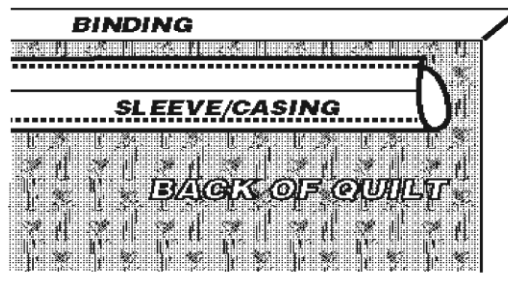
Quilt will be mailed the week after the close of the Show to the person designated on the entry form. The Show will mail back the quilt by FedEx, insuring it for \$500 with a signature required upon delivery. No P.O. Boxes will be allowed – only physical addresses. A business address is preferable. **If delivery attempts fail and the quilt is returned to the Show offices, arrangements must be made for pick up.** The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will assume no liability.

## SLEEVE / CASING INSTRUCTIONS

A sleeve or casing is the most practical way to prepare a quilt for hanging without damaging the quilt in any way. It is perhaps the simplest and most effective method because a rod can be inserted and suspended between standards. To make a sleeve or casing:



- A. **Cut a strip 9" wide and 1" longer than the top of your quilt. Finish the ends by turning the raw edges of each end toward the wrong side approximately 1/4"; then turn under again stitching in place by hand or machine.**
- B. Fold the strip in half, lengthwise, right sides together and stitch, using 1/2" seam allowance.
- C. Press the sleeve so that the seam is centered on the back of the sleeve.
- D. The sleeve is stitched to the back of the quilt with the seam to the outside lessening abrasion to the quilt and ensuring a flat surface next to the quilt while it hangs.
- E. Hand-stitch the sleeve across the top backside of the quilt. Place the sleeve just under the binding (or approximately 1/2" from the top edge of the quilt). Stitch through ALL layers, using 1/4" stitches on the front of the quilt and 1/2" to 3/4" stitches on the backside. The stitches should go through all layers of the quilt so there will be less strain on the quilt. The 1/4" stitches on the front will not show, or will show so little that they will not be seen from exhibiting distance, especially if you use a neutral or coordinating thread color.
- F. Begin stitching in the center of the quilt and work out to one side. Repeat from the center out to the other side. Repeat for the bottom edge of the sleeve/casing.



For more information, please contact Dixie Jones, Go Texan Contests quilt subcommittee captain, at [djjones@netzero.com](mailto:djjones@netzero.com).

# 2017 HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO QUILT CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Hand Quilted \_\_\_\_\_ Machine Quilted \_\_\_\_\_

Attach three color photos of the quilt here

\_\_\_\_\_  
**\*Go Texan Subcommittee/County the quilt is representing**

## Quilt returned to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

C/O or Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Quilt return – **No PO Boxes** – business address preferred)

\_\_\_\_\_

City, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Description:

Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Suggested Division: \_\_\_\_\_

## Quilt Display Information:

\*Quilt Owner: \_\_\_\_\_  
Limit to one name or one organization/guild

\*Quilt Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Check List:

- The original entry form along with two copies of the entry form,
- Three color photos (4x6) and the \$30 entry fee.
- Indemnity release form signed and included with entry form.

**\*This information will be displayed with the quilt. Please verify information and spelling as the information on the display card will not be changed while the quilt is displayed. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo reserves the right to exhibit quilts as space and criteria permit.**

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

In consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, for being allowed entry into and participation in any and all activities (“Activities”) associated with Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Inc., Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Educational Fund, Houston Endowment Foundation and the Corral Club, Inc., (collectively, “HLSR”), the undersigned hereby enter into this RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (this “Agreement”) as of the date set forth below.

1. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS:** The undersigned recognizes and understands that there are risks associated with his/her participation in the Activities including, but not limited to, bodily injury or death to persons and theft, damage or destruction to property. The undersigned further acknowledges and understands that he/she will be held liable and responsible for any and all damage to persons, livestock, vehicles, property and/or improvements to property that is caused by him/her and/or any persons (including, minors) under his/her care and control, and that arise out of or are related to the undersigned’s entry into and participation in the Activities. **UNDER CHAPTER 87, TEXAS CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE, A FARM ANIMAL PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITIES. A LIVESTOCK SHOW SPONSOR IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN A LIVESTOCK SHOW RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF LIVESTOCK SHOW ACTIVITIES.**
  
2. **RELEASE FROM LIABILITY:** The undersigned hereby RELEASES, ACQUITS AND FOREVER DISCHARGES and shall DEFEND, INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS HLSR, their present and former directors, officers, employees, agents, and representatives and the respective heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns (collectively, the “HLSR Parties” or individually, an “HLSR Party”) from any and all claims, causes of action, suits and/or demands for personal injury, death or property damage, accrued or to accrue in the future, known or unknown, (collectively, “Claims”) relating to or arising out of any negligent, grossly negligent and/or intentional or unintentional acts on the part of the undersigned and its connection with his/her/its entry into and participation in the Activities. Without limiting the foregoing, the undersigned agrees that the HLSR Parties shall not be liable to him/her, his/her family, heirs, administrators, executors or assigns for Claims arising from or related to the undersigned’s entry into and participation in the Activities.
  
3. **AGREEMENT TO DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS:** The undersigned agrees to RELEASE, ACQUIT AND FOREVER DISCHARGE and shall DEFEND, INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS THE HLSR PARTIES AGAINST THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE HLSR PARTIES’ OWN NEGLIGENCE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH NEGLIGENCE WAS THE SOLE, PROXIMATE OR PRODUCING CAUSE OF THE CLAIMS; provided, however, that the duty of the undersigned to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the HLSR Parties shall extend only to Claims arising directly or indirectly from the undersigned’s entry into and participation in the Activities. ANY DAMAGE TO OR LOSS OF THE UNDERSIGNED’S MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, PROPERTY OR RENTAL PROPERTY USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNDERSIGNED’S ENTRY INTO AND PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES SHALL BE BORNE BY THE UNDERSIGNED. As used herein, “INDEMNIFY” means to agree to assume the HLSR Parties’ liability in a situation, thereby relieving them of responsibility and/or reimbursing the HLSR Parties for Claims asserted against them.
  
4. **PHOTOGRAPH/INTERVIEW RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT:** The undersigned GRANTS PERMISSION to be PHOTOGRAPHED and/or INTERVIEWED in connection with the Activities. The undersigned understands that any such photograph and/or interview may be used by HLSR for television, film, video, visual, graphic or printed media. The undersigned agrees to RELEASE and INDEMNIFY HLSR with respect to any Claims related to the usage of such photographs and/or interviews by the HLSR Parties and/or any media.
  
5. As further inducement to HLSR to permit the undersigned’s entry into and participation in the Activities, the undersigned represents that he/she thoroughly and completely understands that this is a complete and final release and indemnity agreement, that he/she is freely and voluntarily entering into this Agreement, and that no representations, promises or statements made by the HLSR Parties, or any agent, attorney or other representative of an HLSR Party has influenced the undersigned in causing him/her to sign this Agreement. The undersigned understands that this Agreement shall be binding on his/her heirs, executors, successors and assigns, that the Agreement will be governed by the laws of Texas, and that jurisdiction and venue for resolution of any dispute regarding this Agreement shall lie in a Texas State Court in Harris County, Texas. If any part of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, it does not affect the validity of the remainder of this Agreement. The undersigned agrees to the terms and conditions above, and acknowledges receipt of this Agreement.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_